PRODUCT CATALOG

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NOTES

Rubber Parts

Fender Welt (pictured on pg. 43)

DO NOT RESTORE CAR WITHOUT NEW RUBBER

Two types of fender welt are available: Original Style (for metal fenders) and Made-For-Fiberglass. When installing fiberglass fenders, it is necessary to use the special Made-For-Fiberglass fender welt, and we also recommend the fiberglass fender welt installation tool, also on Page 33. If you have factory metal fenders, you should always replace the old fender welt when repainting.

Original-Style (Steel Only)

181 821 705 (EACH)	$23.00
181 821 705S (SET OF 4)	$60.00 (COMES WITH FREE TOOL)

Made-For-Fiberglass

181 821 705AM (EACH)	$15.00
181 821 705AMS (SET OF 4)	$52.00 (SAVES 10%)

Seals

Hood Seal	181 823 705	$51.00
Rear Deck Lid Seal	181 827 705	$28.00
Door Pocket Beading	181 837 809S (SET)	$25.00
Windshield to Glass	181 845 119	$73.00
Upper/Lower Windshield Seal	181 845 137 (EACH)	$23.00
Body Seal, Under Windshield Frame	181 857 849 (EACH)	$15.00
Beading Around Body (with doorpost seals)	181 867 370A (SET)	$80.00
Top of Door Beading	361 885 533DA (SET)	$21.00
Top of Rear Seat	361 885 533DB (SET)	$22.00
Door Weatherstrip (NOS)	181 837 911912NOS (EACH)	$75.00 EACH $280.00 SET OF 4 (10% OFF)

Body Molding Kit

Includes hood seal, upper and lower windshield seals, molding under windshield on body, windshield weatherstrip, molding for around body, beading for top of doors, door pocket beading , rear seat molding, rear deck lid seal, and intake duct beading (‘74 only).

1973 Molding Kit		1974 Molding Kit	
181 MK73	$324.90 (10% OFF)	181 MK74	$334.80 (10% OFF)

Plastic End Caps

These are the caps used to finish off or enclose the beading on the top of your doors or at the windshield body beading. We have replaced them like the original.

181 867 369P (EACH)	**$3.50**
181 867 369PS (SET OF 10)	**$30.00**

Rubber Parts Kit

Includes front turn signal gaskets with drain tubes, gear shift boot, hand brake boot, pedal pads, accelerator pad, and front and rear engine seals.

181 RPK $103.94

Buy kits and save 10% off of buying individual parts!

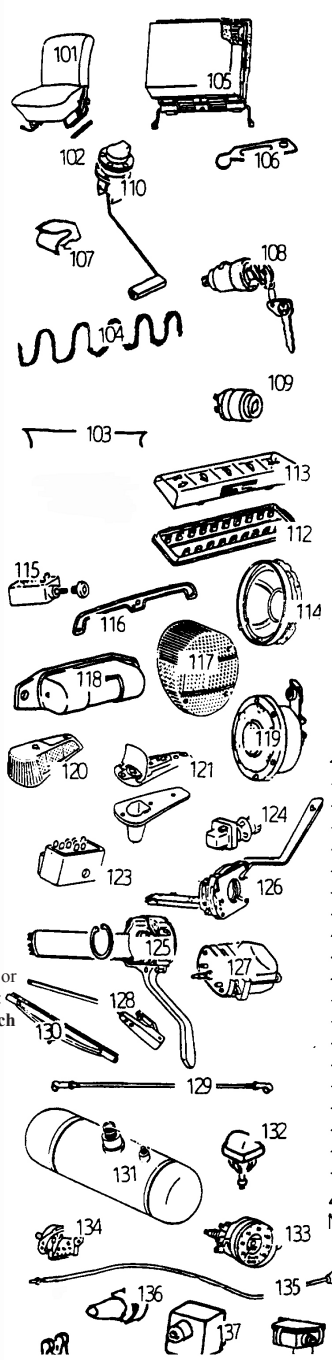
Deluxe Rubber Parts Kit

Includes all the parts in the regular kit (see above), plus headlight bucket drain tubes, headlight housing to fender tubes, and headlight housing seals.

181 RPKD $132.40

Replacement Parts 4

102	113 881 213	Seat Runner Cover Strip (ea)	6.00
		Strip (set of four)	22.00
NP	181 885 283	Rubber Buffer (ea.)	3.85
103	181 885 307	Seat Pad, Wire Support	3.85
104	181 885 309	Seat Pad, Zig-Zag	5.00
105	181 885 501 U	Rear Metal Backrest, L - Used	70.00
105	181 885 502 U	Rear Metal Backrest, R - Used	70.00
106	111 885 583	Seat, Retaining Strap	3.85
107	181 885 597	Rubber Retainer	2.75
108	411 905 855 C	Ignition, Lock W/Keys	40.00
109	111 905 865 K	Ignition, Starter/Switch	22.00
110	181 919 049 A	Fuel Gauge, Tank Unit	85.00
112	111 937 505 F	Fuse Box, 10 Point	40.00
113	111 937 555	Fuse Box Cover	9.00
NP	BAA 941751	Hella Halogen Headlight	**61.00
114	141 941 041	Headlight Adj. Assembly	58.00
NP	111 941 515	Headlight Switch Escutcheon	12.00
NP	311 941 111 A	Headlight Rim Hella	
		w/ screw, fill head	36.00
NP	113 941 183	Screw, Fill Head	3.25
115	211 941 531 E	Headlight Switch	50.00
116	361 945 191 A	License Light Gasket	12.00
NP	133 945 097/8 AU	Hella Tail Light	74.00
118	181 947 303	Interior Light, New	95.00
119	111 951 133 B	Horn	16.00
120	113 953 041 N	Turn Signal Assembly, Left (OE)	70.00
120	113 953 041 B	Turn Signal Assembly Left (Repro)	50.00
120	113 953 042 B	Turn Signal Assembly Right (Repro)	50.00
120	113 953 041N/042N	Turn Signal Assembly, SET (OE)	140.00
120	113 953 041B/042B	Turn Signal Assembly, SET (Repro)	100.00
122	113 953 193	Turn Signal, Gasket with drain tube	18.00
123	211 953 215 C	Relay Emerg/Turn Sig	15.00
124	211 953 235 A	Switch Emerg Light	28.00
125	111 953 513 F	Turn Signal Switch	72.00
126	111 953 519G	Wiper Switch 74 ONLY	128.00
126	111 953 519H	Wiper Switch 73 ONLY	79.00
127	181 955 113 R	W/S Wiper Motor - Reconditioned	
		(Without Core add $160.00)	275.00
128	181 955 407 D	Wiper Arm, NEW	70.00
129	181 955 325 B	Connecting Rod	30.00
129	181 955 325 CAP	Connecting Rod CAP	12.00
130	181 955 TTS/S	WIPER BLADES	
		NEW PRODUCT!! MUCH BETTER THAN OE. MADE JUST FOR THE THING WITH REMOVABLE RUBBER INSERTS! CAN BE REPLACED WITH COMMON UNIVERSAL BLADE INSERTS.	18.00 each or 36.00 set
130	181 955 425B	Wiper Blades OEM	45.00 each
131	311 955 453 F	Windshield Reservoir (used)	80.00
132	111 955 993	Jet for Washer	8.00
133	113 957 057 H	Speedometer Wtih	
		Fuel Viberator, Fuel Gauge	270.00
134	113 957 063 B	Fuel Gauge	39.00
NP	113 957 099	Fuel viberator	25.00
135	111 957 801 H	Speedometer Cable	21.00
136	111 957 861	Gasket Speedo/Cable	2.00
137	181 963 107	Timer Switch (new)	110.00
137	181 963 107	Timer Switch (used)	64.00
138	411 963 205 C	Temp. Reg/Switch	105.00
NP	211 963 115 A	Knob for Timer Switch	Out of Stock
NP	311 963 111 D	Escutcheon - T. Switch	Out of Stock
139	N 902 547 01	Frame Clip - Top (ea)	5.50



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Policies

This catalog has been carefully designed to assist you with parts for your VW Thing, whether it be an original part, or one of our many accessories. We stock the finest quality parts and are eager to help you with all of your needs. Meeting the demands of the VW Thing world is a challenge we have met many times, and we are dedicated to your satisfaction. This listing should give you basic information about price and availability; however, if there's an item you need that isn't listed, please do not hesitate to ask us about it's availability. Our inventory changes rapidly and includes used parts in quantities that are unpredictable. Please note that the prices listed do not include shipping and handling charges.

QUESTIONS AND INQUIRES

We are happy to share our knowledge and help you with any problem that may arise. For any questions or information, please call our office at 480.753.0684.

PRICES

Price, company policy, design of products, finish and upgrades are subject to change without notice.

ORDERING

We offer a toll-free order line to help keep our customers' costs low, and to speed up the ordering process. Please feel free to call 1.800.VW.THING to speak with sales and place your order. To avoid possible shipping errors, please use our part numbers and part descriptions; and inform us of your car's year. It is best to have your order written out and organized before you call.

PAYMENTS

We accept personal checks, cashier's checks, and money orders. Please call or e-mail us prior to mailing a check so we can give you a total including shipping. We also accept four major credit cards (VISA, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover). Subject to stock on hand, we will ship immediately on receipt of cashier's check or money order. If you send a personal check, we will hold your order until the check clears. **Sorry, we do not ship C.O.D.**

SALES TAX

All orders billed or shipped to addresses within Arizona will be subject to a sales tax.

DAMAGED PARTS

Upon receiving your order, inspect it immediately. If damage to parts is discovered, DO NOT send any parts back to The Thing Shop. You must file a damage claim with the carrier. Do not dismantle the package; but instead keep the parts and packing material as close as possible to the original received condition. The carrier must determine how the damage occurred. Without the original container and packing material, your claim will be voided by the carrier. Damaged or missing parts must be reported within 10 days of receipt or claim will be voided. Damaged parts are to be returned by the carrier. Missing parts may have come out of the packaging during transit.

RETURNS

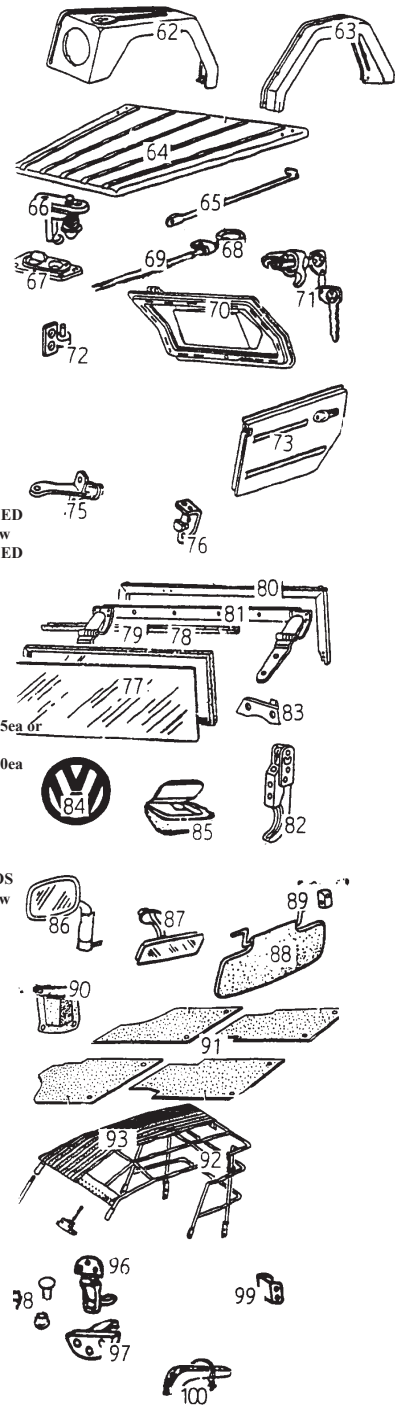
Parts being returned by a customer for any reason must be "postage paid" by the customer. We cannot accept any C.O.D.s on returned merchandise. We are more than happy to exchange parts or give full refunds for parts that you are not satisfied with, as long as the returned parts are in new and unused condition and the return is made within 30 days of the original shipping date. Refunds for purchases made with a credit card will be credited to the card used for the original purchase. Be sure to include a copy of your purchase invoice along with INSTRUCTIONS on what you would like done with any returned parts. Shipping charges are non-refundable. **Any items that are returned for refund will be subject to a 20% restocking charge.**

BACK ORDERS

We carry a huge inventory and do our best to keep it full, but it is impossible to keep every item in stock at all times. You will receive your original invoice with the completion of your shipment. Most back ordered parts are shipped within 2-3 weeks of the initial order. Please call us if you are waiting for a back order.

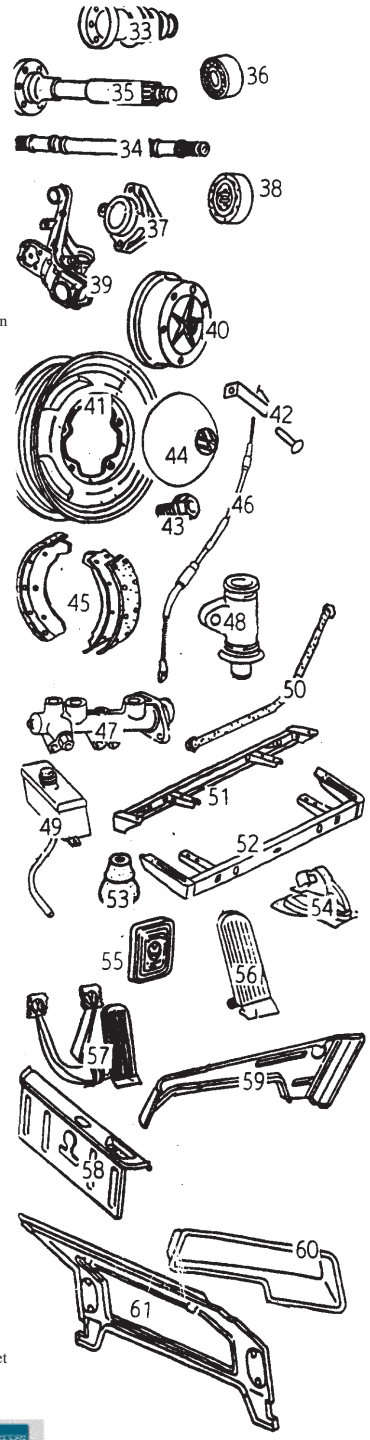
Replacement Parts 3

NP	111 813 741 G	Weather Strip. Engine/Front	12.00
NP	181 819 313	Connecting Hose, '74	12.00
NP	181 819 329 A	Connecting PIPE, '74	11.25
NP	311 813 991 A	License Plate Bracket-Front	12.00
NP	311 813 991 B	License Plate Bracket-Rear	12.00
62	181 821 021 E	Front Fender, Left	420.00
62	181 821 022 E	Front Fender, Right	560.00
NP	181 821 167	Fender Clips (ea.)	2.50
NP	181 821 167	Fender Clip Set of 8	18.00
63	181 821 301	Rear Fender, Left	275.00
63	181 821 302	Rear Fender, Right	225.00
64	181 823 031 B	Front Hood	545.00
65	181 823 363	Hood/Trunk Support	17.00
NP	311 823 499 A	Rubber buffer, hood	8.00 Pair 4.40 Each
66	175 823 507	Hood Lock Upper,F	80.00
67	411 823 509	Hood Lock Lower,F	90.00
68	181 823 531 C	Cable, Front Lock WITH HANDLE	27.25
	111 823 461 AM	Handle only	4.50
69	412 823 557 A	Plastic Cable Tube	26.00
70	181 827 025	Rear Deck Lid	485.00
71	113 827 503 H	Rear Deck Lock with Keys	40.00
72	181 831 405	Hinge Half, Left	15.00
72	181 831 406	Hinge Half, Right	15.00
73	181 833 051	Door, Left	208.00 USED
73	181 833 052	Door, Right	218.00 New
73	181 833 052	Door, Right	158.00 USED
NP	181 837 015	Door Lock, Inside, Left (Reconditioned)	45.00
NP	181 837 016	Door Lock, Inside, Right (Reconditioned)	45.00
NP	211 837 177	Rubber wedge, striker plate	4.50 each
75	181 837 249	Check Strap, Door (NEW)	15.00
76	211 837 295 D	Striker, Left	20.00
76	211 837 296 B	Striker, Right	20.00
NP	311 837 347	Body Caps (16), Exact Quality replacement (set of 26)	1.75ea or 26.00
NP	181 827 525	Hinge Plugs (8), Exact Quality replacement	3.00ea
NP	181 813 199	8mm plug, quality replacement	0.65ea
77	181 845 101 A	Glass, Windshield- boxed ..ready to ship	145.00
78	181 845 119	Weather Strip, W/S	73.00
79	181 845 137	Windshield Seal -Upper/Lower (ea)	23.00
80	181 847 401	W/S Frame, Upper	225.00 NOS
81	181 847 421 SS	W/S Frame, Lower-ThingShop	360.00 New
82	181 847 511	Latch, W/S Frame, New	35.00
NP	181 847 549	Rubber buffer (w/s latch)	11.00
83	181 847 531	Hook, W/S Frame, New	22.00
84	113 853 601 D	VW Emblem, Front Apron	22.50
85	181 857 301	Ash Tray, USED	85.00
86	181 857 501SS	Mirror, Outer L, SS	85.00
86	181 857 502SS	Mirror, Outer R, SS	85.00
87	181 857 511 B	Rear View Mirror New OE VW	165.00
87	181 857 511 R	Rear View Mirror New Day/Night	95.00
88	181 857 551	Sun Visor (ea), OE	110..00
89	181 857 561 A	Sun Visor Retainer SET	105.00
90	181 863 709S	Kick Plates (set)	70.00
92	181 871 002BAB	Acapulco Top Frame New Complete	1100.00
93	181 871 003BAB	Acapulco Top, Cover striped (we also sell seats to match)	575.00
NP	BAB 871 009	Acapulco Location Pin	22.00
NP	BAB 871 007/008	Acapulco Mounting Bracket SET	100.00
NP	BAB 871 002	Acapulco Support Bar Left	110.00
NP	BAB 871 003	Acapulco Support Bar Right	110.00
94	181 871 035 L	Conv. Top OEM-olive drab	ASK
NP	181 871 PIV	Pivot Posts/Frame Mt. (set)	66.00
97	181 871 385	Top Frame Hook -Lower, OEM	12.00
NP	N 014 255 1	Machine Screw 4mm	0.50
98	181 871 RIV	Top Install Rivets(set)	7.70
99	181 871 543 A	Top Support Bracket-ea	3.60
NP	181 871 589TR	Frame Tensioning Strap - Velcro	30.00



Replacement Parts 2

33	251 598 201	C/V Boot Kit	17.50
NP	**181 501 C/V KIT**	**C/V Joint Kit (contains, Boot kit and C/V joint)**	**68.00**
NP	**181 501 000 SET**	**C/V Axle Kit (contains two boot kits two C/V joints and one drive shaft)**	**145.00**
34	181 501 211	Drive Shaft	65.00
35	181 501 263U	Rear Wheel Shaft	155.00 Used
35	181 501 263	Rear Wheel Shaft NEW	245.00
36	113 501 277 A	Roller Bearing Outer	25.00
NP	113 501 283	Ball Bearing Inner	15.00 New
37	113 501 311	Cover for Bearing	3.25
NP	113 501 315 H	Seal	3.00
38	113 501 331 D	C/V Joint In/Out	95.00
39	181 501 503	Control Arm, L	225.00 New
39	181 501 503 U	Control Arm, L	175.00 Used
39	181 501 504	Control Arm, R	225.00 New
39	181 501 504 U	Control Arm, R	175.00 Used
40	181 501 615 A	Brake Drum, Rear	128.00 German
NP	181 511 115-116	Torsion Bars Set Used	100.00
	181 511 205 A	Torsion Bar/Arm, Left	60.00 Used
			120.00 New
	181 511 206 A	Torsion Bar/Arm, Right	60.00 Used
			120.00 New
NP	181KRKYBLD	Light Duty Rear Shock	30.00 (EACH)
NP	181KRKYB	Heavy Duty Rear Shock	57.90 (EACH)
NP	181 513 031	OE Rear Shock Absorber	32.00 (EACH)
41	181 601 025 P	Wheel 5x14 - OEM Rebuilt	150.00
42	111 601 131	Hub Cap Spring (SET OF 5)	4.00
43	111 601 139	Lug Bolt, 12x1.5	2.75
44	113 601 151	Hub Cap	24.00
45	181 609 537 B	Brake Shoes, FRONT SET No Exchange	29.00
45	181 609 537 C	Brake Shoes, REAR SET No Exchange	29.00
46	133 609 721	Brake Cable	14.50
47	113 611 015 B	Master Cylinder, Brazil	50.00
47	113 611 015 G	Master Cylinder, German	120.00
48	113 611 053	Rear Wheel Cylinder, German	22.00
48	131 611 057 G	Front Wheel Cylinder German	22.00
49	113 611 301 L	Brake Reservoir	42.00
NP	N 020 350-1	Hose for Reservoir-German	17.00
50	113 611 701	Brake Hose, Front-German	20.00
50	113 611 775 E	Brake Hose, Rear-German	20.00
NP	311 611 741	Front to Rear Brake Line	6.00
NP	113 611 724 C	Right Front Brake Line	11.70
NP	113 611 763	Left Front Brake Line	5.55
NP	113 611 764 C	Right Center Brake Line	11.70
NP	113 611 782	Rear, Left/Right Brake Line	11.35
51	181 707 021 P	Bumper, Front -- Powder Coated	470.00
52	181 707 031 P	Bumper, Rear -- Powder Coated	450.00
53	111 711 115 A	Rubber Gear Boot	4.50
54	311 711 461	Rubber Hand Brake Boot	20.00
55	311 721 173 A	Pedal Pad (ea)	2.75
NP	111 721 335 C	Clutch Cable	13.00
NP	311 721 361	Sleeve, Clutch Cable	7.00
NP	111 721 555 E	Accelerator Cable	7.00
56	113 721 647 A	Accelerator Pad	8.00
57	113 798 071 C	Pedal Assembly, Rebuilt	126.00
58	181 805 591 F	Front Apron face only	275.00
59	181 809 021	Side Panel F/Left	210.00
NP	181 809 151	Side Member,L Outer (Rocker Panel)	265.00
NP	181 809 152	Side Member,R Outer (Rocker Panel)	400.00
NP	181 809 181 D	Side Member, L Inner (Rocker, Inner)	360.00
NP	181 809 182 D	Side Member, R Inner (Rocker, Inner)	310.00
60	181 809 811	Intake Duct, Left, New	110.00
60	181 809 812	Intake Duct, Right, New	80.00
NP	181 809 831	Intake beading (rubber)	9.50 Set
61	181 813 301 E	Rear Panel	250.00
NP	133 813 705	Weather Strip, Engine/Rear	19.00



Who We Are

Larry and Michele Dustman have been in business for 35 years. Originally known as The Trim Shop, Larry specialized in automobile (Mercedes, Porsche, VW) and aircraft interiors. Larry and The Trim Shop gained an outstanding reputation for excellent upholstery work with great attention to detail. Michele quit her job as an office manager at a large corporation to devote herself fulltime to The Trim Shop. About 1985 Larry and Michele purchased a Thing for their trips to Mexico.

The first “thing” they noticed about their new car was the difficulty in finding parts. So they began, in earnest, to locate and import parts for the Thing from Mexico and Germany. Gradually they began to focus more on the Thing business and doing less upholstery work. Larry’s roots in upholstery have served him well. He has redesigned the Thing soft convertible top to fit better than the original VW top. He also reproduces the OEM style, soft plastic side curtains with unparalled accuracy. We now manufacture, from scratch, sliding glass and solid glass side curtains.

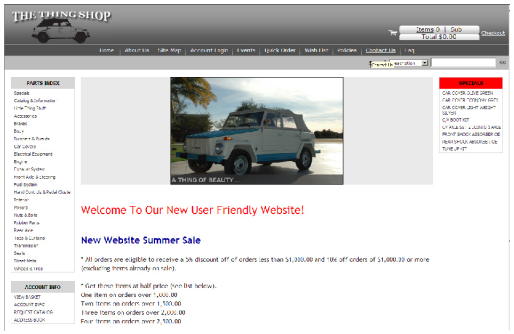
About 1995, VW of Mexico liquidated all remaining Thing (Type 181) stock to Larry and Michele. They decided to purchase all they could to bring back to the U.S. Eight tractor-trailer loads and one warehouse later, The Trim Shop became the main vendor of NOS and quality replacement Thing parts in the world. The Trim Shop officially changed its name to The Thing Shop January 2, 1997.

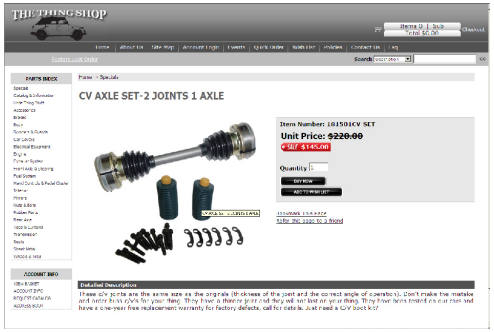
We continually look for new ways to improve service here at The Thing Shop. We enjoy an excellent reputation for the level of service we provide and we’d like to keep it that way. Your comments and suggestions are always welcome. You can address any comments or concerns to orders@thethingshop.com.

You may also call us at 480-753-0684.

Ordering Online

The Thing Shop's Online Catalog gives you immediate access to our extensive selection of over 800 products. Simply visit www.thethingshop.com and you can click your way through our product catalogs using our easy-to-navigate product categories and search function. Once you locate the product, you're only one click away from accurate pricing and detailed information. You can then add the products you review to build an order for immediate shipment. It's the easiest and fastest way to shop at The Thing Shop.





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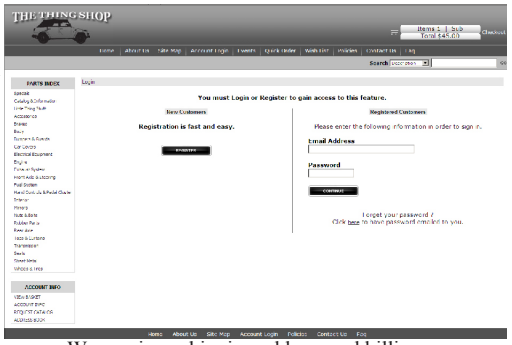
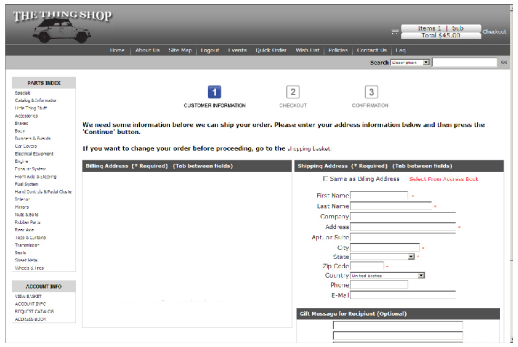




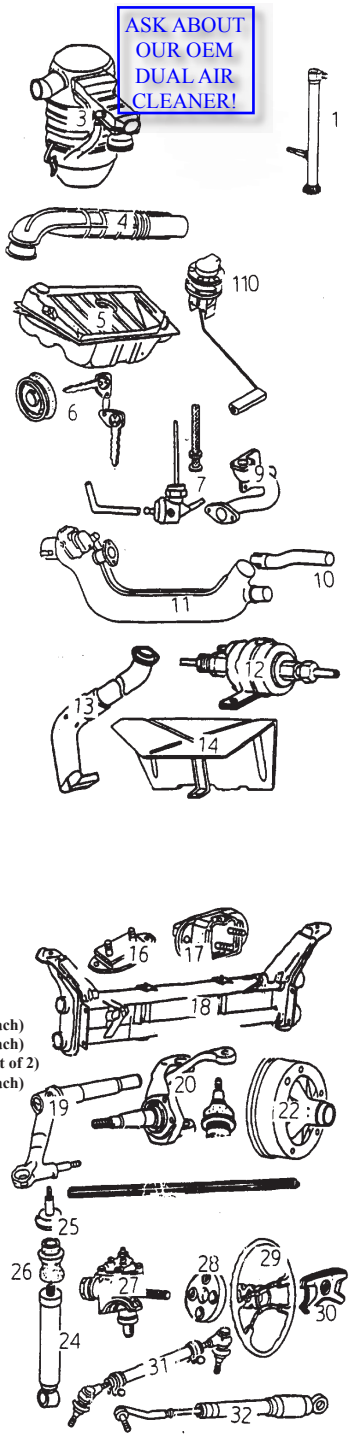
We require a shipping address and billing address along with payment information. We accept all major credit cards (over the web or phone). Remember, our website has a 128-bit secure encrypted connection so you can shop safely and securely. After placing the order, you will receive an e-mail confirmation. Your parts should arrive within a few days, without ever speaking to anyone!

YOUR ONLINE ORDER IS NOT COMPLETE UNTIL YOU GET A ORDER NUMBER!

Replacement Parts 1

ASK ABOUT OUR OEM DUAL AIR CLEANER!

1	211 011 031 C	Jack, New, OEM VW	60.00
NP	181 129 541	Strap, Air Cleaner	40.00
3	181 129 613 B	Air Cleaner, Used	ASK
3	181 129 613	Air Cleaner, New	250.00
4	211 129 615 E	Elbow	29.00
5	113 201 075 TTS	Fuel Tank (OE Quality)	139.00
NP	113 201 075 AD-OE	NEW OE VW Fuel Tank / Galvanized	ASK
NP	111 209 147	Tank Screen	6.00
NP	113 201 621	Tank Seal	9.95
NP	000 020 361 N	Fuel Line (3')	4.50
6	211 201 551 AM	Gas Cap (reproduction)	18.00
6	211 201 551 A	Gas Cap, Locking (lifetime guaranteed	NOW 55.00
7	111 209 021 E	Reserve Valve Kit	ASK
8	181 251 185 B	Tail Pipe, L, '74'	ASK
	181 251 186 B	Tail Pipe, R, '74'	ASK
9	181 251 153 A	Elbow, R, '73'	80.00
9	181 251 153 B	Elbow, L, '73'	80.00
9	181 251 153 A and B	Set of L and R	150.00
10	181 251 238	Tail Pipe, R, '73'	ASK
10	181 251 237	Tail Pipe, L, '73'	ASK
11	043 255 107	Heat Exchanger, L	140.00
11	043 255 108	Heat Exchanger, R	140.00
12	221 261 467 A	Fuel Pump, Heater (reconditioned) (add. core chg $40.)	95.00
13	181 261 603 TTS	Exhaust Pipe, Heater	145.00
14	181 261 627 U	Protection Plate USED	45.00
NP	000 251 051P	J/Tubes for '73' (pair)	35.00
16	113 301 263	Engine Mount (OEM)	11.50
17	311 301 265 B	Front Trans Mount	20.00
18	181 401 021 A	Adjustable Front Axle Beam	485.00
18	181 401 021	OE Front axle beam	580.00
19	181 405 151 A	Lower Torsion, L (W/Ball Joint)	186.00
19	181 405 152	Lower Torsion, R (W/Ball Joint)	225.00
20	181 405 311 A	Steering Knuckle, L	225.00
20	181 405 312 A	Steering Knuckle, R	290.00
21	181 405 361	Ball Joint Upper, German	45.00
21	181 405 371	Ball Joint Lower, German	45.00
22	131 405 615 G	Brake Drum, Front, German	128.00
22	131 405 615 A	Brake Drum, Front Italian	75.00
NP	311 405 625 D	Front Wheel Bearing, Inner	14.00
NP	111 405 641 B	Seal, Inner	2.50
NP	311 405 645	Front Wheel Bearing Outer	11.00
23	181 411 027	Torsion Springs 10	ASK
24	181KF-KYBLD	KYB Light Duty Shock	45.00 (each)
24	181KF-KYB	KYB Heavy Duty Shock	57.90 (each)
24	181KF-KYBHD	KYB Spring Over Shock	100.00 (set of 2)
24	181 413 031	OE Front Shock Absorber	45.00 (each)
25	113 413 441	Bolt, Rubber Stop	8.00
26	181 413 449 C	Rubber Stop w/ bolt set ONLY FOR OE SHOCKS	18.00
27	113 415 061 C	Steering Gear Box NEW	145.00
28	111 415 417	Steering Coupler	6.00
29	113 415 651	Steering Wheel (Add. Core $40.)	260.00
30	113 415 669	Horn Cap/Cover	NEW-45.00
31	131 415 801 F	Tie Rod, L, Complete	45.00
31	181 415 802	Tie Rod, R Complete	140.00
NP	311 415 811 C	End, T/Rod, L Outer	13.00
NP	131 415 821 A	End, T/Rod, L Inner	16.00
NP	311 415 812 C	End, T/Rod, R Outer	16.00
NP	131 415 813 E	End, T/Rod, R Inner	21.00
32	113 425 021	Steering Damper	32.00



Fenders & Welt

FRONT FIBERGLASS

REAR FIBERGLASS

Fiberglass Fenders

Fiberglass fenders are made the same shape as your original fenders; but with four inches added to the bolt edge to accomodate larger tires. You will like the quality designed, heavily-reinforced, inner lip around the wheel well for extra strength. Can be cut to your desired width. Note: Fiberglass fenders do not have installation holes or headlight openings pre-cut. These will take some do-it-yourself know-how to install.

181 WF (FRONT LEFT OR RIGHT) $195.00
181 WR (REAR LEFT OR RIGHT) $120.00

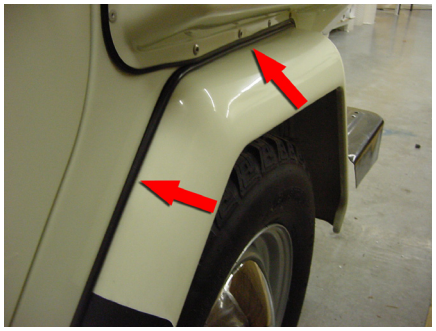
FRONT METAL

REAR METAL

Metal Fenders

The metal front fenders are new old stock from the VW factory. These are the last of the fenders. Some are the military style and have three small tabs on them, by the headlight. These tabs were originally used for the headlight black-out cover. You will need to grind off these tabs.

181 821 021E (FRONT LEFT) $420.00
181 821 022E (FRONT RIGHT) $560.00
181 821 301 (REAR LEFT) $225.00
181 821 301 (REAR RIGHT) $275.00



Fender Welt

We sell the original-style fender welt that goes between your fender and the body. It is very important to remove and replace with new, whenever repainting or restoring your Thing. We also offer a special fender welt, used only for body to fiberglass fenders (be sure to specify).

OEM (METAL) WELT
181 821 705S (SET OF 4 with free tool) $60.00
181 821 705 (EACH) $23.00
FIBERGLASS WELT
181 821 705AMS (SET OF 4) $52.00
181 821 705AM (EACH) $15.00

Use this handy tool to install your new PVC welt between your metal fenders and the body.

The fiberglass fenders don't require this tool, as the welt is sandwiched between the quarter panel and the fenders.

This tool is plastic, so it won't scratch the metal on your fenders while you're wedging the welt into the gap.

181 FWT $15.00

Apparel

The Thing Shop has a number of shirts and styles available. Call and ask what we have. Selections are pictured below:

"X-Ray" T-Shirt

Displays a large Technical Line Drawing of the Thing on the back of the shirt with specifications. The front shirt has a small oval on the left breast that states "It's not a car, it's a THING." Available in white or black with sizes of S, M, L, XL, and XXL

XRAY T-S (S,M,L,XL) $16.00
XRAY T-S (XXL) $18.00

"Coming and Going" T-Shirt

Shows front view of the Thing on the front of the shirt and a rear view on the back of the shirt. Also has sleeve logo with "The Thing Shop" imprinted. Available in black or white with sizes of S, M, L, XL, and XXL.

CAG T-S (S, M, L, XL) $16.00
CAG T-S (XXL) $18.00

"Beach Cruser" T-Shirt

Back features a bright cartoon of a Thing with surfboards in the back seat and palm trees behind it. Front view is a face-on image of a Thing with "The Thing Shop" imprinted above. Available in black or white with sizes of S, M, L, XL, and XXL.

BEACH T-S (S, M, L, XL) $16.00
BEACH T-S (XXL) $18.00

"Half and Half" T-Shirt

Displays a large logo of a Thing that is half Type 82 (Military) and half Type 181 (Thing) on the back. The front says "It's not a car, it's a THING." Available in S, M, L, XL, and XXL in a black or white shirt.

HAH T-S (S, M,L,XL) $16.00
HAH T-S (XXL) $18.00

Miniature Bronze Key Chain

Especially useful for those impromptu Monopoly games.

181 BMK $10

Type 181 Lapel Pin

Available in white, yellow and orange.

THINGPIN $6.00

Silhouette (Flat) Key Chain

181 BMK-S $7

Toys & Gifts

Metal Toy Type 181

This is a die-cast metal replica of the 1973 German Mehrzweckwagen, soon to be available in other colors. This will make a great addition to your collection of Thing toys from The Thing Shop. This is 1:24 scale, putting it in the neighborhood of 8" long.

181 910 400G (GREEN) **$18.00**

Type 181 Display Cars

We are now selling our 2nd Edition display cars. Made just for us in Mexico, they're now made in the original four colors that came to the U.S. in 1973-74 (yellow, green, white, and orange). Since we've had many requests for other colors, we are now offering a Special Edition Red. These cars have red taillights, amber front turn signals, and black steering wheels. Not for small children. Size: 6" x 12". Available in red, white, orange, yellow or military green. We also have optional beige tops that were correct for the Acapulco Thing.

181 TT (INDIVIDUAL) **$7.00**
181 TTS (SET OF FIVE) **$35.00**

"Racer" R/C Car

Available in the same colors as our Type 181 Toy Cars (red, white, orange, yellow, and military green), this "Racer" or "Off-Roader" will provide hours of fun to any Thing enthusiast. Not for small children.

181 RADC (RACER) **$85.00**

Racks & Tire Mounts

Hood Rack

Shown with Oak Wood Hook Slats. If you want the off-road look and a place to tie on a soft bag, this rack is a must. It has been a popular accessory with many of our customers. Hardware is included. The luggage slats are made from solid oak, coated with teak oil. Installs using a special adhesive tape already attached for you. Hood rack is powder coated. Hood slats are sold separately.

HOOD RACK:
181 HRPC **$115.00**
HOOD SLATS:
181 HRLR **$25.00**

Hood Rack Bag

When you have one of our hood racks and need to haul sleeping bags, a car cover or other small items, this bag will work great. Zips in the rear and attaches to the hood rack with plastic clips.

181 HRLB **$85.00**

Swing-Out Tire Carrier

We have had many requests for the original tire carrier and we now offer an exact quality replacement. This quality product comes powder coated matte black. Comes with complete installation hardware and drawings.

181 STC **$365.00**

Hood Tire Mount

Mount your spare to your hood or front apron. Heavy-duty construction. Comes powder-coated in satin black with hardware included. (Recommended for off-road use only)

181 HM-PC **$60.00**

Show Bars

Show Bars & Padding

Now available in 5 point or 7 point

We took the original roll bar made for VW of America and corrected it with a bend just behind the driver's seat. This gives the front occupants more head room. The tubing is the same thickness as what VW sold. Mounts in five spots plus the door posts. It comes to ready to bolt together. Hardware and backing plates included. We strongly advise that you use our Show Bar Padding Kit. This kit includes packaging to protection the powder coating. *Due to legal liability, we don't guarantee it to support your car in a rollover accident or give your car any extra margin of safety.*

SHOW BARS:

181 RB-PC-5 (POWDER COATED, 5-POINT)	**$485.00**
181 RB-PC-7 (POWDER COATED, 7-POINT)	**$727.00**

PADDING:

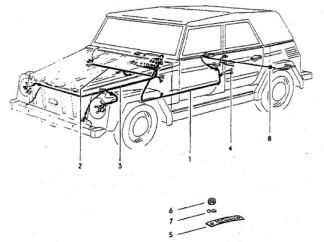
181 SBP-5 (PADDING & COVERS, 5-POINT)	**$120.00**
181 SBP-7 (PADDING & COVERS, 7-POINT)	**$180.00**

Books & Manuals

Service Manual

This manual includes much of the info you will need on how to repair your Thing. The dealership actually used the same manual to fix your vehicle when it was released. The Service Manual includes the Heater Manual and Wiring Diagram.

181 SM **$75.00**

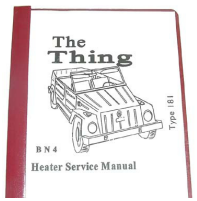


Type 181 Parts List

Complete parts breakdowns for the vechicle with pictures, part numbers, and part names. Very helpful to every Thing driver. Larry thinks this is our most helpful book.

181 PL **$45.00**

SALE: PARTS LIST & SERVICE MANUAL SET $100. YOU SAVE $20.00



Heater Service Manual

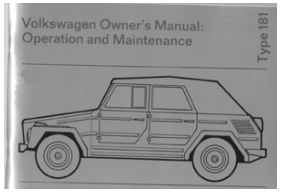
A service manual for the BN-4 gas heater on '73s and optional on '74s.

181 HSM **$22.00**

WWII Report on Examination

An examination performed by the U.S. Military on the Kubelwagen during WWII and compares it to the U.S. Jeep. Great reading, great gift.

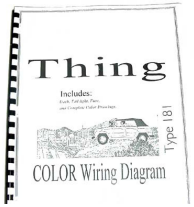
181 EB **$22.00**



Type 181 Thing Owner's Manual

Owner's manual for the Thing. Usually available for each year, usually like new.

181 OM73 (1973) **$65.00**
181 OM74 (1974) **$65.00**



Wiring Diagram

Color wiring diagram for the Thing. Covers '73 and '74 US models.

181 WD **$17.00**

Decals

Strobe Stripe Set

We have been asked many times over the years for the accessory strobe stripes that were offered with the Type 181 by the U.S. dealers. One of our customers in Canada sold us a perfect set in the original VW package. We have had these duplicated exactly using the latest 3M decal materials. A very nice addition to your original Thing restoration. Please ask for a free sample. These stripes were originally installed on green, white, yellow, and orange Things.

181ST(SET) $170.00

Information Labels

This is a complete set of the stickers found under your hood, in your door jambs, and on your dash panel. Please specify whether you need a '73 set or '74 set. The 1974 Thing does not include the heater decal. Note: You may request a black or white gearshift label as we've seen cars with original labels both ways.

Includes photo instructions on where to install each label.

181 IL (1973) $30.00
181 IL (1974) $30.00

Beim Tanken Heizung abstellen
Switch off heater when filling up
Avant le plein, arrêter le chauffage
1 3 N R 2 4
CRANKCASE VENTILATION VW 289
BEI STARKEM STAUBANFALL TÄGLICH PRÜFEN,
GEGEBENENFALLS ÖL WECHSELN.
UNDER VERY DUSTY CONDITIONS, CHECK DAILY
AND CHANGE OIL IF NECESSARY.
REGIONS TRES POUSSIEREUSES:
VERIFIER LE FILTRE JOURNELLEMENT;
AU BESOIN, CHANGER L'HUILE.
COMPRUEBESE DIARIAMENTE SI HAY
MUCHA SEDIMENTACION DE POLVO.
CAMBIANDO EL ACEITE SI ES PRECISO.
Max. Load (vehicle capacity weight): 880 lbs
Designated Seating Capacity: 4
2 in front
2 in rear
Tire Size: 185 SR 14 M+S
Cold Tire Inflation Pressure
half load
max. load
Radial Ply Tires
front 18 18
rear 27 27
psi
3,0 atü
42 lb /sq.in.
Oktan min. 91 ROZ/RON
DO NOT DRIVE ON PUBLIC ROADS
WITH DOORS OFF AND-OR WINDSHIELD DOWN
– SEE OWNER'S MANUAL –

THE THING

"The Thing" Side Decal

These stripes are made with the same process as our Strobe Stripe Set. They are imprinted with "The Thing" and install on the rocker panels under the doors. They were also an original option. Colors are black with silver-gray outline around clear letters that your car color shows through, matching the original VW accessory decals.

181 TD (SET) $70.00

Stainless Steel Latch & Hook Set

All four pieces made of solid stainless steel. Guaranteed for life. A Thing Shop exclusive!! These are an important addition to the restoration of your Thing. It is very common to have a roll pin fall out or have a latch/hook fatigue and break causing the top to open while driving (wind will blow underneath the cover and literally rip the cover off the top of the car).

181 871 383 (LATCH + HOOK) $60.00
181 871 383S (2 SETS) $90.00

To install a top, you need everything included in the...

Hardware Installation Kit

Installation kit for convertible top includes compression rivets, retaining strip, top support brackets, and Velcro top alignment straps. See individual descriptions on Page 29. Save 10% off individual pricing.

181 871 HARDWARE $95.00

Top Frame Tension Straps

Bow alignment straps pull your rear bow into proper alignment when you bring your top up. Our alignment straps are made with Velcro so you can easily take off your top frame. Black nylon with Velcro installation. Must have to keep bow above back window. Sold as a pair.

181 871 589TR $35.00

Top & Frame Parts

Rubber Buffer Top Frame

Exactly like the original but made from an improved material compound.

181 860 331 $ 8.00 PAIR

Bronze Lower Top Frame Hook

Made of bronze alloy, powder coated black. It is the hook on the windshield to receive the upper top latch.

181 871 385B (EACH) $22.00
SET OF 2 $40.00

Stainless Steel Screws

Stainless steel screws for top latch and hook.

N 014 2551 $0.50

Spring Steel Frame Clip

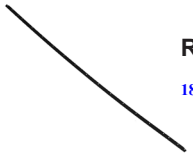
Spring steel frame clip for attaching top frame to pivot post. Takes two per convertible top frame.

N 902 54701 (EACH) $5.50

Frame Washer

Plastic - Each convertible top needs four. Goes between frame and car.

N 012 560 (EACH) $1.00



Retaining Strip

181 871 491 $20.50

Top Support Bracket

Rivets to convertible top. Used to attach vinyl top sides to side members of top frame. These are rubberized as original. Each top needs eight.

181 871 543A (EACH) $4.15
181 871 543S (SET OF 8)$33.20

Convertible Top Rivets

Compression rivets for installing vinyl top onto frame. Includes all you need for installing new convertible top and enough for 8 top support brackets plus extras. Other rivets will not work!

181 871 RIV (SET) $12.70

Rear Bar

Slips into bottom of some quality replacement soft tops. Included with The Thing Shop tops.

181 871 BAR
$35.00

Top Frame Pivet Pin

This is the small pivet pin that holds the convertible top frame on the car. The Thing Shop has reproduced this very necessary item.

181 871 PIN $6.60

Cleaners

GIBBS Mega Penetrant

GIBBS is the first patented real penetrating oil, lubricant, surface corrosion eliminator, and rust remover ever issued in U.S. history. Can be used as a mega penetrant, ultra lubricant, corrosion inhibitor, and water repellent. GIBBS disintegrates ALL corrosion forms.

GIBBS (16 OZ.) $12.95

Hot Flash

This easy to use polish is safe on clear coat finishes and eliminates swirls and buff marks.

HOT FLASH $ 12.00

Rust-Block

Water based rust inhibitor. Rust block is biodegradable and safe for all types of metals. Just spray it on and block out oxidation for up to six months.

RUSTBLOCK (16 OZ) $19.95

EVAPO-RUST

Evaporust super safe rust remover is non-toxic and environmentally safe.

EVAPO-RUST (32 OZ) $9.95
EVAPO-RUST (1 GAL) $23.99
EVAPO-RUST (5 GAL) $89.99

Battery Equaliser

Reduces Resistance & Sulfation - A small amount of Battery Equaliser to each cell will mix with the existing electrolyte solution. The improved battery chemistry will dissolve existing sulfation and prevent new deposits from forming for years to come. Batteries will charge faster, hold a charge longer, reduce terminal corrosion and reduce gassing. DOUBLE BATTERY LIFE WITH ONLY ONE TREATMENT . 1 oz. per cell.

BATTERYEQUALISER
(16 OZ) $19.95

Forever Black

This permanently dyes all plastics with the same chemicals that manufacturers use and is U.V. protected. This product can be used on bumpers, wheel wells, molding, side molding, mud guards, door handles, spoilers, mirrors, boat trim, rv trim, running boards and hoses.

FOREVER BLACK $ 14.50

Rubber Mats & Duck Boards

Floor Mats with Ribbed Backing

The Thing Shop has spent years developing this quality replacement of the VW floor mats. The original mats were designed with holes to prevent trapped moisture from rusting the floor pan. We have taken their idea one step further. Our mats are punched with the same hole pattern and finish except the rubber has a ribbed backing. This provides added ventilation to prevent moisture from being trapped and causing rust problems. New, improved, modern rubber. Ask about our discounted floor mats.

181 MH-SECONDS **$150.00**
181 MH **$175.00**

Kubel-Style Duck Boards

Designed to resemble the original wood slatted floorboards found in the WWII German Army Kubelwagen. They're now constructed from asian hardwood and are a very well-made product. They install over the factory mat pins. Rubber pads keep the boards from rattling. Treated with teak oil to make them last. Great for mud, snow and sand! Assembled with stainless steel fasteners and special wood adhesive.

181 DB (SET OF 4) ~~**$185.00**~~
SALE PRICE $145.00

Rubber Glove Box Mat

Keep items from rattling in your glove box.

181 GBM **$10.00**

Front Trunk Mat

For those owners that like to store items under the hood but don't want to scratch the paint, we offer a rubber mat that fits under the hood. Made from the same matting we use for the floor mats. Has a ribbed backing. Be sure to order the correct mat for your car. The '73 mat is cut to fit a gas heater. The '74 is for a front trunk without a gas heater.

181 TM73 (1973) **$140.00**
181 TM74 (1974) **$140.00**

Top Frames

Heavy-Duty Top Frame

Original Top Frames are over 30 years old now, have been fatigued and often have internal rust. Our heavy-duty top frame is specially constructed using a galvanized, rust-resistant header bow with computer-designed, extra-heavy gauge, steel frame members and hinge points. Includes matte black powder-coating. Same dimensions as the factory frame, only much stronger.

181 871 055TRM **$755.00**

DOUBLE-THICKNESS SIDE FRAME PARTS!

Top Frame Hold-Down Straps

Original style hold-down straps for holding your top in place when it is folded down into the package tray. Made with the original style buckles.

181 871 635 (PAIR) **$33.00**

Top Frame Protective Covers

New quality replacement of Original Top Frame Covers. Protective covers for your top frame. Used with or without boot. These are necessary to protect your top boot from sharp edges on your frame. Sold in pairs only. Made from polypropylene plastic, like the original. ASK ABOUT OUR HALF PRICE SPECIAL!

181 871 6712 (PAIR) **$105.00**

Top Boot

Our top boot is made from the same sport topping that our convertible tops are made of. Now you can drive your car while having the top down and protected. Comes complete with a matching storage bag. We also offer a specially designed boot to fit around our show bar at no extra charge.

181 FBB (ALL COLORS) **$270.00**

The Thing Shop's Exclusive Top Includes:

FREE TOP INSTALLATION DVD WITH ANY SOFT TOP

1. A "built in" rear bar made like the original. This keeps the rear edge from developing a wave, or scalloped look, along the back window as the top ages.

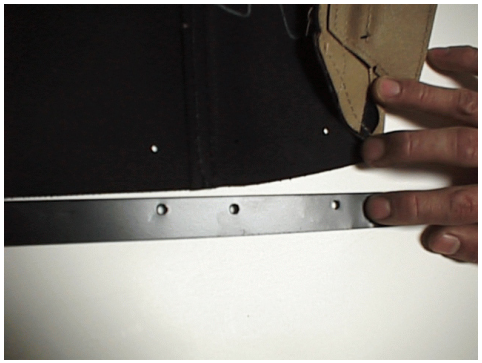
Note: Not just any top is right for your TYPE 181. A top needs to be made from an EXACT pattern using the right materials and assembly technique.

THE MATERIAL HAS BEEN CUT AWAY FOR THIS PHOTO.

2. Larger corner grommets. Because of the way the factory located the loops on the back of the Type 181, it was a problem to stretch the top grommets over the rear corners. We've put an extra-large grommet in the rear corners of our tops. This makes it much easier to install your top over the body loops.

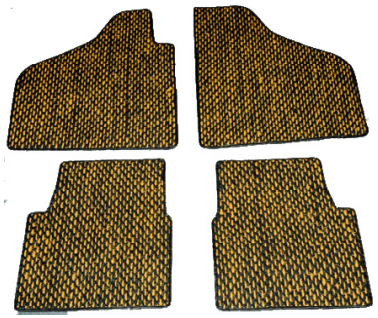
This is our own design. Not available on any other "Thing" top.

3. Pre-punched holes. The front edge of our tops are precut to fit your frame exactly. You don't have to trim them. The holes are punched correctly so there shouldn't be a problem.



We also give you a free installation video with detailed step-by-step information on how our top is to be installed. You will appreciate all of these very important features when you install your new Thing Shop top!

Cocoa Mats



Cocoa Mats

We are now offering mats made from woven jute fiber. They are available in four colors and have bound edges. Crafted by The Thing Shop.

Floor Mats
181 CM (SET OF 4) ~~$95.00~~
SALE PRICE $70.00

Glove Box Mat

181 GBM-C $8.00

Front Trunk Mats

Remember to specify the year of your vehicle: '73 or '74.
181 CTM ~~$80.00~~
SALE PRICE $60.00

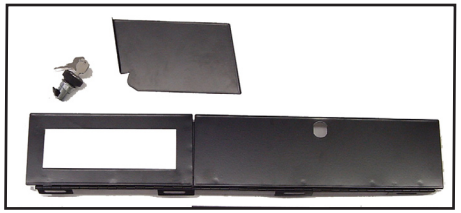
Rear Package Tray Set

181 CM-PT ~~$95.00~~
SALE PRICE $ 70.00

Glove Box & Console

Radio Panel with Glove Box Door

This is the best way to install a radio in your car. Made from sheet metal to resemble the other parts of your dash. These panels are fabricated to install easily under the black knee pads. The radio section in enclosed with a divider and the glove box includes a lock and keys.



181 RP-GB 73 **$170.00**
181 RP-GB 74 **$170.00**

Glove Box Mat

Keep items from rattling in your glove box. Made from the same matting used for the floor mats.
Also available in the same material as our Cocoa Mats (see page 10).

181 GBM **$10.00**
181 GBM-C **$8.00**

Glove Box Door

Designed from an original VW glove box door and made to fit the US Delivery Things; but unlike factory Mexico doors, these are very high quality, double wall thickness construction. Looks like the other panels on your dash when painted to match. Easy to install. One of our most popular accessories. Includes lock and keys.

181 GB **$135.00**

Deluxe Center Console

Original cover console for center tunnel.

FOR 1973 ONLY

ZVW 155181 **$75.00**

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

Roll Up Window Top

~You choose the color of the top (Black Pebble, Black Crush, Tan, White, Saddle or Grey).

~Rolled up window will make the top work like a bikini top.

~Window is made from *SCRATCH RESISTANT* clear plastic (a better quality than can be built into a heat seamed convertible top window).

~Window can be replaced without replacing the top.

~Window rolls up and is kept next to the rear bow (takes less than 5 minutes).

~ Call For More Details ~

181 871 000-ROLL KIT **$325.00**
181 871 000-ROLL COMPLETE **$1700.00**

Bikini Top with Windshield Frame Support Brackets

Made from our quality, heavy-duty, top vinyl. Has its own special lightweight bows to support the top and windshield frame. New windshield frame supports will help keep your windshield frame straight. Available in any of our 8 different top vinyl choices.

181 BKGN (SOLID COLOR) **$392.00**
181 BKGN (ACAPULCO STRIPE) **$500.00**

Tops

NOW WITH MOLDED CORNER PATCH, LIKE ORIGINAL VW TOPS

Convertible Tops

We strive to sell the finest Thing tops made. There are many tops in the marketplace, but none are as good as ours. When choosing a top for your car, be sure and check for features such as pre-installed grommets and straps, correct fit, and quality materials. Our convertible tops include all these, unlike other tops on the market. The holes for rivets are pre-punched and front material pre-trimmed for easy installation to your frame. We use heavyweight, pebble-grain, top vinyl. This is very similar to the original VW vinyl and its the same material as we use for our side curtains. Included at no extra charge is a Top Installation Video. Available in black, saddle, gray, white, or tan. Please request our Top Sample. Sheet for sample pieces of our convertible tops (available for no extra charge).

181 RC	**(CONVERTIBLE TOP)**	**$405.00**
181 871 000	**(TOP ON FRAME, PICTURED)**	**$1375.00**
181 871 000-ROLL	**(TOP ON FRAME WITH ROLL UP WINDOW)**	**$1700.00**

Original VW Army Green Convertible Tops

The Thing Shop has been able to obtain the remaining tops that VW of Mexico had saved for German export. They are new and in excellent condition, except that there were some small marks from the black grommets touching the vinyl when the tops were folded. However, we have refinished these so that the repairs are mostly unnoticeable to the untrained eye. The tops that were damaged during shipping are being cut apart and remade into matching side curtains on a special order basis. Included at no extra charge is a Top Installation Video.

ALMOST OUT OF STOCK!

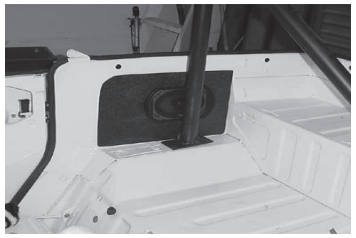
181 871 000GR (TOP ON FRAME, PICTURED) $1675.00

Speakers & Panels

Front Speaker Set

Right and left panels made to fit the pockets under the dash. Made from thick ABS plastic for long life. Optional speakers are 100 watt 4x6 2-way with metal mesh grilles, also made specifically to fit under our bamboo trays. All our speakers come with extra heavy 16-gauge wire pre-soldered and are the correct length for easy installation. Necessary hardware is included. Sold in pairs. Also available without speakers.

Front Speaker Set
181 RTFS **$83.75 (SALE)**
Fr. Speakers fitted for Bamboo Tray
181 RFS **$93.75**



Rear Speaker Set

Made from thick ABS plastic for long life. Speakers are 100 watt, 4x6, two-ways with metal, mesh grilles. All our speakers come with extra-heavy, 16-gauge wire pre-soldered and cut to the correct length for easy installation. Necessary hardware is included.

Rear Speaker Set
181 RRS **$83.75 (SALE)**

Easy Installation No Cutting Required

Stereo Speaker Sound Bar - Made to Fit Our Show Bar

Now you can play your favorite music and hear it clearly. With The Thing Shop's new Sound Bar you can drive down the road at any speed and enjoy music or even clearly understand talk radio. This product is well-designed and is a lot like the bars made for the Jeep. It is made from a stiff, plastic foam that will maintain its shape and protect the speakers from damage. Comes with extra-heavy, 16-gauge wire pre-soldered and cut to the correct length. Easy to install—it just zips on over the show bar with show bar padding.

Front Sound Bar
181 SB **$180.00 (15% OFF)**
Front and Rear Sound Bar
181 SBFR **$330.00 (15% OFF)**

Front Seats

Fully Restored Front Seats

We take great pride in our upholstery department. Our background is in the auto interior business. We start with good core seats and completely dismantle them. Then, all metal parts — including the springs — are sent out for powder-coating and long-lasting rust protection. New OEM-type padding is installed (see Seat Padding, on this page) and the seats are re-covered using only the finest quality materials. The seats are then carefully wrapped and boxed for shipment. Choice of black, white, saddle, beige, grey or tan covers are installed on the pads. We also have striped seats available for the Acapulco models. Call for details.
Note: Rebuilt seats require a core charge of $100 per seat. The core charge is refundable upon return of your used seat if the part returned is in good, reusable condition. Please contact the shop by phone or email if you have any question about the condition of your core prior to returning it.

Front Restored (Black, White, Tan, Saddle, Biege or Grey)
181 STFT (PAIR) $630.00

Fully Restored RECLINING Front Seats

We have factory VW seat recliners that we installed on our fully restored front seats. We have these availble in Black, White, Tan, Saddle, Biege, Grey, Acapulco - Blue & White, Yellow & White, Orange & White

181 STFT-REC $980.00

Fully Restored Acapulco Front Seats

Front Seats Restored (Acapulco - Blue & White, Yellow & White, Orange & White)
BAB 881 801 (PAIR) $730.00

Fully Restored High Back Front Seats ('72 Beetle)

High-back seats will fit right onto the original seat track of your Thing. They are very popular among Thing owners and are available in all our upholstery colors. We accept these as core seats if buying rebuilt. (Acapulco - Blue & White, Yellow & White, Orange & White)

181 STFTHI $740.00
181 STFTHI ACA (ACAPULCO) $840.00

Sliding Side Curtains

Rear - Closed

Sliding Glass Curtains

Our front curtains open from the rear to the front. Our customers asked us to develop a window that would be easier to use from the front seat positions. With our sliding curtain we produced for the past several years, it was necessary to reach the front of the window to mail a letter or to use a drive-thru window. After extensive engineering, modifications, and testing, The Thing Shop is introducing the newest of our side curtain line: The All-New "Rear Opening Front Window." This product is an improved design made from new all aluminum frame parts (to give the best rust-resistance possible), stain-less-steel brackets, a chrome VW Type II latch, and tempered D.O.T. approved glass. All our windows are assembled by hand.

Front - Closed

Rear - Open

It is important to be able to control the air that enters the car. With our front sliding curtains, you can adjust them to allow you to reach through the opening or just gap them enough for some fresh air. We still offer the original style front-opening window, which works best from the rear seat positions, since the curtain faces the opposite direction and allows better access with good ventilation to the rear seat positions. The vinyl we use is the same that we use on our tops. We can make green curtains to match our factory top for an extra charge. ***Ask for a free sample card so you can select a color that is right for your car.***

Front - Open

NOW LIGHTWEIGHT ALUMINUM FRAMES!

181 SLRG (FRONT) $340.00 EACH
181 SLG (REAR) $340.00 EACH

Solid Side Curtains

Solid Glass Side Curtains with Glass

These rear solid curtains we offer are very durable. They are for those customers that want to save some money but still want the best quality. These windows stay clear unlike the original soft plastic windows. All of our windows are individually assembled by hand. The all new aluminum frames give the best corrosion resistance possible. The vinyl is the same as our tops. Solid glass curtains are normally used in rear but can be used in any position, front or rear.

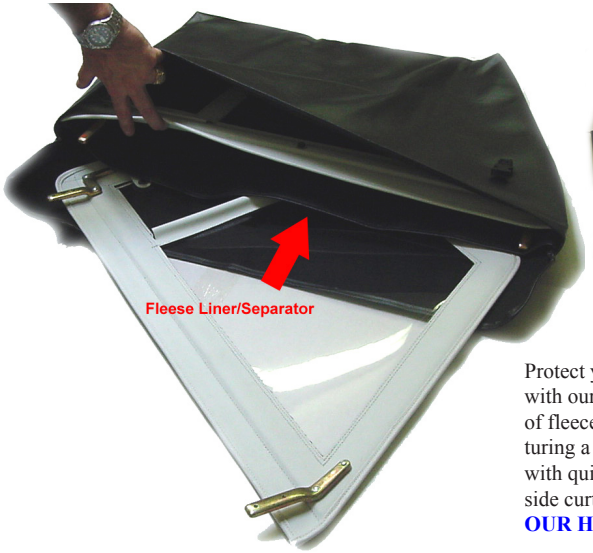
181 SPG $250.00 EACH

Soft Plastic Side Curtains

These are an improved copy of the VW rear curtain that came with the Thing. Available in clear, green, or gray-tinted and with special 40 mil scratch- and UV-resistant clear plastic. The front curtains have a flap that opens in the rear just like the ones your car came with. The rears are solid soft plastic. Flaps fold back and snap back to the frame. All of our windows are individually assembled by hand. The all new aluminum frames give the best corrosion resistance possible. The vinyl is the same as our tops.

181 SPR (REAR) $170.00 EACH
181 SPF (FRONT) $200.00 EACH

NOW WITH LIGHTER ALUMINUM FRAMES!



Side Curtain Bag

Protect your side curtain investment with our custom storage bag. Made of fleece-lined, heavy-duty vinyl featuring a center panel divider. Closes with quick lock buckles. Fits two side curtains per bag. **ASK ABOUT OUR HALF PRICE SPECIAL!**

181 CB $45.00

Seat Rebuild Kit

Be sure to use the original molded-type seat padding when rebuilding your seats. Due to the design and construction of your factory seat frames, it is necessary to have a molded seat pad. When foam or non-original padding is used, it is impossible to achieve the correct appearance and comfort intended by the Volkswagen factory. We offer the correct padding that is made for us by the original supplier for VW. Includes two cushion pads, two backrest pads, boards for front backs, and necessary hardware.

181 881 SET (FRONT SET OF 4) $152.00

Or Buy Them Separetly

Front Cushion pad
181 881 375 D $31.00

Front backrest pad
181 881 775 F $37.00

Seat installation kit
181 FSIK $45.00

Seat Covers

Our seat upholstery sets are sewn by our expert upholstery department. They are made from heavy-duty vinyl that should last for a long time. The front covers install just as the originals did. Crafted by The Thing Shop. Ask for free seat material sample sheet or see samples online at www.thethingshop.com.
BEFORE YOU ATTEMPT TO REMOVE THE CORE, CALL US HERE AT THE THING SHOP FOR ADVICE!

Front Covers (Black, White, Tan, Saddle, Biege or Grey)
181 SCF (PAIR) $135.00
Front Seat Covers (Acapulco - Blue/White, Yellow/White, Orange/White)
BAB 881 805 (PAIR) $245.00

Front Seat Core Description

***ATTENTION:** Seat frames that have minor dents or are twisted, bent and hammered may receive parshial credit. We must have good seat frames to receive full credit.*

Bad seat frames sent to us can not be used and the customer will recive no credit for the seats or shipping. Please email a photo of the cores to us before sending them in for credit.

If you have any questions about the condition on the seat frames, please give us a a call at 480.753.0684

Front Seat Belts

Quality replacement safety belts. Our belts install just like the originals. The front belts have a stiff receiver on the tunnel and look original.

181LBF (FRONT; EACH) **$45.00**

Mounting Bolt for Seat Beats

These seat bolts are sold as a set of 4

111 857 799 **$4.50**

Seat Belt Retracter

Spring loaded, for all your seat belt retracting needs. instructions included

111 857 727 **$15.00**

Stainless Steal Seat Belt Hooks Set

Stainless steel "Seat Belt Hook Set". Replaces the original seat belt hooks that were originally made from plastic. These won't brake!

111 857 723 SS **$28.00**

Seat Runner Cover Strip

Having trouble sliding your seats??

This mounts on your seat tracks and allows your seats to slide on the tracks. A must for restoration.

113 881 213 SET (SET OF 4) **$22.00**
113 881 213 (EACH) **$6.00**

Knob For Adjusting Seat

113 881 251B (EACH) **$3.50**

Tension Spring For Front Seat -

113 881 245 B **$4.00**

NEW ITEMS

C/V Joint with Boot and Grease

C/V Axle Assembly

This C/V assembly is made specifically for "The Thing" by The Thing Shop (with the correct joint width and angle of operation). They have been tested on our cars and have a one-year free replacement warranty for factory defects, call for details. Don't make the mistake of buying bus C/V's for your Thing: bus C/V's are a smaller C/V joint and don't have the correct amount of travel. Don't buy C/V's that will not work properly on your "Type 181". Our new C/V assembly will fit all Thing, Type 181's with IRS (independent rear suspension).

181 501 C/V JOINT KIT **$68.00**
181 501 C/V AXLE KIT **$145.00**

Divided Header Exhaust System Stainless Steel

NEW ITEM

We are happy to announce the production of our own header exhaust system for all models of the Type 181. After taking a poll from our many customers, these are the items they wanted and we have incorporated into our system:

* High Quality Stainless Steel
* Works on 1600cc to 1700cc
* Larger pipes for better breathing
* Final pipe exits through the bumper as original
* No part of system protrudes past the back of the car
* Maximum ground clearance
* Long lasting
* Reasonably priced

'73 owners will need to purchase J-tubes to install

Now comes with adjustable tips through bumper!
Leaves room to adjust valves.

181 DHS-SS	**SS DIVIDED HEADER EXHAUST**	**$354.00**
181 DHS-SS-P	**SS DIVIDED HEADER EXHAUST POLISHED**	**$404.00**
000 251 051 T	**SS J-TUBE SET**	**$26.00**
000 251 051 P	**SS J-TUBE SET POLISHED**	**$40.00**

NEW PRODUCTS

Fuel Tank "Odor" Kit

Do you have a gas odor coming from under the front hood? In this kit are the items needed to replace all the gas lines under the hood. Since your car is 35+ years old these fuel lines are normally leaking and must be replaced. It now comes with sending unit gasket.

EVERY CAR NEEDS THIS KIT

181 201 KIT **$84.00**

Hand Brake Boot

This is the best reproduction hand brake boot we have ever seen.

311 711 461 **$20.00**

Defrost-Heat & Heat Temp Knobs

Yellow Knobs with black lettering, SOLD ONLY AS A SET, Fits 74 Only.

133 819 681/682 **$18.50**

VW Thing Door Check Strap

Our new door check straps are made for a VW Thing for The Thing Shop. They come with the rubber buffer and install in minutes.

181 837 249 **$15.00**

NEW ITEMS

Door Check Strap Pin

The bracket, door check strap pin is a common item that is missing on many cars today. Make sure that you get this item while we still have it. The Thing Shop has reproduced this very necessary item.

181 809 PIN **$4.40**

Door Check Strap Screw

Comes as shown

N014 1405 **$0.75**

Rear Seats

Rear Seat Covers (Pair)

The rear cushion has a zipper for easy installation and the rear backs staple as the originals did.

Rear Covers (Black, White, Tan, Saddle, Biege or Grey)
181 885 091 (PAIR) **$105.00**
Rear Covers (Acapulco - Blue/White, Yellow/White, Orange/White)
BAB 885 091 (PAIR) **$185.00**
Rear Backrest Padding with Board
181 SPRB (EACH) **$35.00**
Rear Cushion Padding
181 SPRC (EACH) **$45.00**

Rear Seats Complete (Pair)

(Fully Restored, as on Page 14 - Includes Backrest Padding with Board, Cushion Padding, and Cover of your choice)
181 885 091 **$290.00**
181 STRACA (ACAPULCO) **$325.00**

Packing For Under Rear Seat

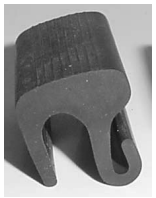
For the first time we now are offering the thin packing (about 1/4" thick) that goes between the rear cushion and the zig-zag springs.

181 885 471 A **$24.00**

HARD TO FIND ITEM

Rubber Retainer

For the backrest support bow. Holds the bow that is mounted on cushion frame. Also used on hood and rear deck lid support. Your car should have 6 of these.

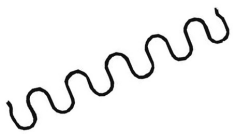


181 885 597 (EACH) **$2.75**

Snap Set For Rear Seat

This is a spacer, screw, snap and strap set.

181 885 533 SET
$16.00



Zigzag Seat Spring

Fits under the rear seat cushion. These are powder coated to prevent rust. Each vehicle needs 12.

181 885 309 (EACH) $5.00

Anti-Rattle Rubber Buffer

These plugs go behind your rear seat backrests and plug into the body. Each car needs eight. Save $6.80 on a set.

181 885 283 (EACH) **$3.85**
181885283S (SET OF 8) **$24.00**

Seat Pad Wire Support

Wire support under rear seat cushion to keep the rear seat from sagging. These are powder coated to help prevent rust. Each car should have 14 of these supports.

181 885 307 (EACH) **$3.85**

Rear Seat Belts

Quality replacement safety belts. Our belts install just like the originals.

181 LBR (REAR; EACH) **$27.00**

Mounting Bolt for Seat Beats

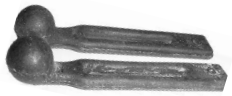
These seat bolts are sold as a set of 4

111 857 799 **$4.50**

Retaining Strap

Rear seat retaining strap for when you are driving with your rear seat down. Your vehicle should have two of these.

111 885 583 (EACH) **$3.85**



Hook for Backrest Mount

Backrest hook set of 2 with screws, stainless steel.

111 885 561SS **$16.00**

Plate for Rear Seat Backrest Retaining Strap

Captures the retaining strap to the bottom of the rear cushion support. Each Type 181 needs two.

111 885 589 **$4.00 Each**

Bolt for Rear Seat Backrest

OE VW of Germany. Each vehicle needs four.

181 885 591 **$3.00 Each**

OE Quality Fuel Tank

This is a high quality replacement fuel tank made for The Thing Shop. The tank is powder coated black and ready to install.

Satisfaction guaranteed.

113 201 075TTS ~~$260.00~~ (EACH)
SALE PRICE IS $139.00 (EACH)

Tune Up Kit

Our "Tune Up Kit" contains the parts needed for a routine tune up. which are Bosch Spark Plugs, Bosch Distrubitor Cap, Bosch Condenser, Bosch Distributor Rotor Button, Bosch Points, fuel filter and cylinder gaskets.

181 905 000 **$45.00**

OE SHOCK ABSORBER'S

Our new original equipment front and rear shocks are now in stock. We went to a large shock absorber manufacturing company that makes original equipment shocks for new cars. After lengthy testing and design work, we were able to have them exactly duplicate the original design shock for the VW Thing. You will be very pleased with the quality and performance.

181 413 031 (FRONT) **$45.00**
181 513 031 (REAR) **$32.00**

New Arrivals

Rebuilt Front Beam - Drum to Drum

This beam is ready to install.

Great for restorations.

Built by our factory trained VW technician.

Just install, align and you are ready to go !

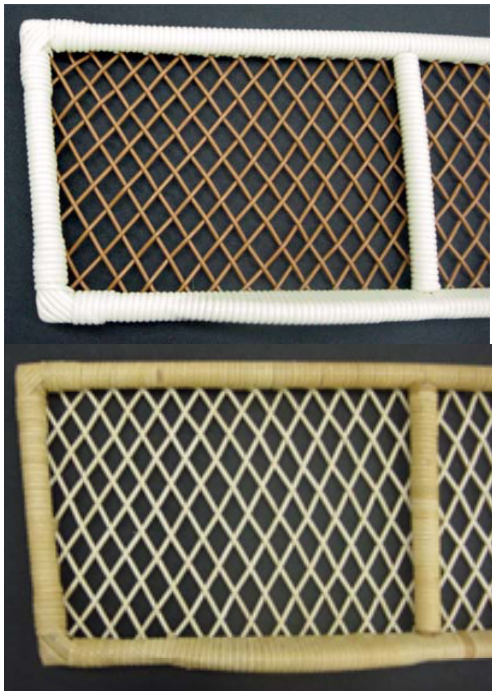
**** Remember to check the tie rods and ball joints they are left loose for alignment. ****

Here is a list of parts that come on the rebuilt front beam

* Steering Knuckle Left & Right
* Steering Gear Box
* Steering Flange Upper & Lower
* Steering Damper
* Steering Drop Arm
* Steering Coupler
* Dust Exluders Upper & Lower
* Grease Caps Left & Right
* Steering Knuckle Clamping Nut Left & Right
* Tie Rod Complete Left
* Tie Rod Complete Right
* Front Wheel Seal Inner
* Torsion Arm Bushings
* Eccentric Bushings
* Stabilizer Bar with Bushings
* Grease Nipples
* Front OE Shocks
* Torsion Arms Upper & Lower, Left & Right
* German Brake Drums
* Front Wheel Cylinders
* Front Brake Spring Kit
* Front Backing Plates
* Brake Adjuster Stars
* Brake Adjuster Screws
* Brake Inspection Plugs
* Front Wheel Bearing Inner & Outter

$2600.00 PLUS CORE CHARGE

Core items include...
Sprindles, Torsion Arms, Backing Plates,
Torsion Springs and Eccentric Bushings.



Under-Dash Trays

You may have seen a tray in the older models of VW Beetles that mounted just under the dash. The company that supplied the trays for the Beetle and the Bus has produced for The Thing Shop our own design of tray that perfectly fits the Thing. Great for sunglasses, maps, or other papers. Goes great with our "Kubel Duck Boards." Easy to install with no holes to drill. Works with our new front speakers. Does not interfere with leg room.

Available in brown and white bambus or traditional tan bamboo. The white and brown is synthetic, the tan is made from rattan fiber.

181 TRA (BAMBUS BRAND, WHITE & BROWN) $120.00
181 TRAREPRO (BAMBOO, TAN) $90.00

Plug and Chug

These cup holders plug right in to the ash tray and hold your drinks. They are very sturdy and come in black or the American flag design. Both are equipped with a cell phone holder.

181CHUG-BK $41.95
181CHUG-USA $41.95

Exterior Accessories

Car Covers

Our covers are made from a special ventilated product that will help your Thing stay free of dust and dirt while allowing moisture to escape to prevent rusting. Custom tailored just for the Thing.

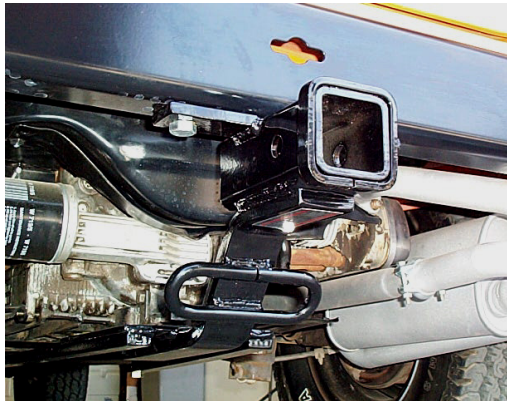
181 CCPREMIUM (WEATHERSHIELD) $345.00
181 CC (FITTED, TECHNALON™) $230.00
181 CCLL (CAR COVER LOCK) $16.00
181 CCM (ECONOMY CAR COVER) $110.00
181 CCGREEN (GREEN SPECIAL) $95.00
181 CCL (LIGHTWEIGHT) $90.00

Car cover lock only fits Premium and Technalon car covers

Front End Mask/Bra

Protect your vehicle from stone chips and road debris. Made from special bra material that is fleece-lined with all edges bound in vinyl. Great for when you are towing your Thing.

181 BRB $270.00



Hitches

These hitches were designed from the original sold by VW of America. We have improved upon them to receive a draw bar. It installs by bolting to the transmission cradle mount, thus pulling the load from the chassis of the vehicle instead of the bumper. The hitch also bolts to bottom of bumper. They are all powder coated in black, and are available in 2 sizes: 2" or 1 1/4".

Will not work with a center merge exhaust system. However, will work well with any system we sell, including the divided header.

181 TRH (1973 OR 1974) $165.00

Hard to find items!

Sun Visor

These Sun Visors are just like the originals your car came with. They are made with a solid internal pivot bar. This makes the visor quality equivalent to the genuine part. We're sure that you will be very pleased with your purchase.

181 857 551 $110.00 (EACH)
ASK ABOUT OUR HALF PRICE SPECIAL!

New OE Sun Visor Retainers
Set of four with screws $40.00

Rear View Mirror Day/Night

Our newest mirror has a day / night feature. Switch from day vision to night with a flick of a leaver. Still mounts on the upper windshield frame, just like OE style.

181 857 511R $95.00

ASK ABOUT OUR HALF PRICE SPECIAL!

Top Frame Pivet Pin

This is the small pivet pin that holds the convertible top frame on the car. The Thing Shop has reproduced this very necessary item.

181 871 PIN $6.60

VW Thing Key Blanks

We have the OE key (silver) for sale. We have a limited number for sale.

181 837 219A $25.00
OE KEY BLANK

New Arrivals

REBUILT OE VW THING WHEELS

We have a limited number of theses rebuilt OE Thing wheels available for sale. They include the five springs needed to attach the hub cap to the rim. Get them while they last.

181 601 025 **$150.00**

Accessory Wheels

These are quality replacements of the original VW accessory wheels and fit the same as stock, 14”. Available in black, white or silver. The center cap is interchangeable and they are also very stylish with a chrome cap. If you only need one wheel please call. The price is the same for black, white or silver. (Prices include a full set of lug nuts and center caps.)

181 601 ACC-4 (SET OF FOUR) **$475.00**
181 601 ACC-5 (SET OF FIVE) **$575.00**

Lighting

Accessory Light

Fog or driving lights are available in clear. These are the best copy of the VW lights we’ve seen. Great buy get them while they last.

You need to wire these to your headlights or put a switch in so they are independent. (Switch and wire are not included.)

ZVW 912200C (SINGLE CLEAR) **$18.00**
ZVW 912200C2 (PAIR OF CLEAR) **$32.00**

Taillight

Hella taillight assembly; universal (fits both sides) - not side specific, so won’t match original. OEVW taillight. Acquired from VW of Mexico.

133 945 0978AU (EACH) **$74.00**

Headlight

NOS Hella, Halogen Headlight. Replaces whole headlight adjuster assembly. Upgrades to halogen. Great safety item. OEVW part.

BAA 941 751A (EACH) **$61.00**

Chrome Headlight Eyebrow

Eyebrow for over the headlights. Don’t let your headlights get blinded by the sun.

181 941 EBR (EA.) **$7.00**

Headlight Rim

Original Hella headlight rim. Chrome finish. High quality wood screw included. We refuse to sell the cheap junk that doesn’t fit.

311 941 111 A (EA.) **$36.00**

Bumpers & Guards

Brush Deflector with Light Mount

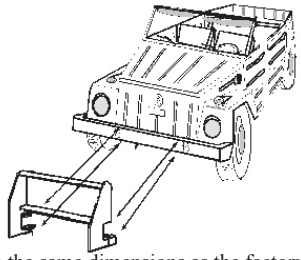
Great looking off-road type brush guard that makes it easy for you to install our driving lights or fog lamps. Installs without any drilling. Just bolt to the existing holes in your bumper. Comes powder coated semi-gloss black. Does not include lights.

181 FBD (POWDER COATED) $160.00

Brush Guard

This product was made to protect your fenders and hood from brush and branches. Can be used with our push bar and mounts to the holes in your original bumper. Made from steel tubing. Attaching hardware is included.

181 BGPC (POWDER COATED) $145.00



Push Bar / Apron Protector

Easy to mount and a good way to protect your car. Made the same dimensions as the factory push bar. Comes complete with all necessary mounting hardware. Can be installed when also using bumper overriders. Does not include lights.

181 PBPC (POWDER COATED) $125.00

Bumper Overriders

Metal and Rubber: Goes over your front and rear bumpers to protect them. Metal parts with a layer of firm rubber on the front, these are an exact quality replacement of the original metal-with-rubber overriders. Your car requires two per bumper.

Rubber: This particular style of overrider was designed by VW of America. Safety regulations required VW to put this on their cars. We've been out of stock or almost a year. Now back in stock, improved product. You'll need a set of 4 (2 each, front and rear) to make use of them.

Both types of overriders work with the new tube bumpers

181 ORM (METAL, EACH) $50.00
181 OR (RUBBER, EACH) $50.00
SET OF 4 (METAL OR RUBBER) $175.00

Seat Tracks

When you install floor pans, you also need to replace the seat tracks (it is almost impossible to reuse and reinstall the old seat track). Now it is possible to replace your seat tracks with a heavy duty quality replacement. Save $10 by ordering a set.

181801251252T (EACH) $120.00
181801250S (SET OF 2) $210.00

Chassic To body Bolt Kit's

When replaceing floor pans, we recomand that you also replace your body to chassic bolts and washer, this kit contains all the necessary bolts and washers you will need when mounting body to chassic.

181 CBK $48.00 (WITH OUT WASHERS)
181 CBK-W $88.50 (AS PICTURED)

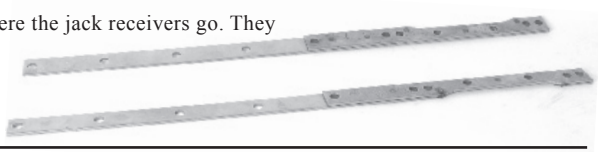
Floor Mat Clip Set

Install to keep your floor mats in place (see pages 9-10). Install them on your new floor pans. Save when you buy by the set.

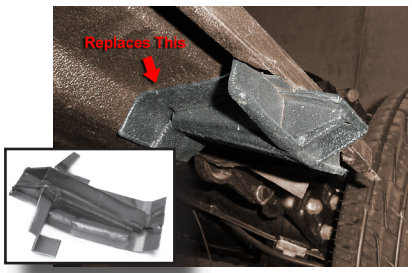
111 857 785 (EACH) $4.50
111 857 785S (SET OF 12) $46.00

Jack Support

This part supports the pan where the jack receivers go. They were on your factory pans. Sold in pairs as pictured.



181 701 JRS $24.00



Jack Receiver

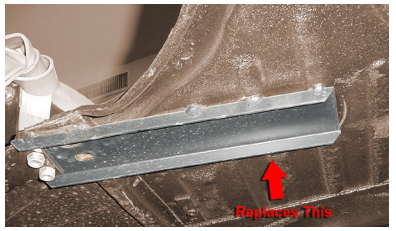
When changing out the floor pan in a type 181, it is common to have a damaged or rusted jack receiver. We have reproduced (in house) this item out of heavy weight steel. It is configured for easy installation and will be a great replacement for your old jack receiver. Welds to bottom of floor pan for your jack. Sold individually or in sets of 2.

181 701 475AS (PAIR) $80.00

Front Support Plates

While changing out the floor pan for a company video, I found it hard to strip the old pan from the front support plate. This product will allow you to get rid of the old plate and still install your floorplate. Sold in sets of 2.

181 401 234/235 (PAIR) $26.00



Floor Pan Replacements

Floor Pan Set Complete

Finally a complete Floor Pan Set! We are now are selling floor pans with installed Seat Tracks, Jack Receivers, Jack Supports, Floor Mat Clips, Rear Battery Bracket, Nut for Battery Hold down, Nut for Front Seat Belt, Nut for Clutch & Pedal Adjustment. Items that come with but are not installed on the pans: Front Axle Support Plates, Chassis to Body Bolt Kit and Floor Pan to Body Seal. Note: Get half price shipping in the U.S. when you order a set of Floor Pans Complete. Overseas and international shipping still full price.

181FP-SET $1,300.00

Floor Pan Halves

These halves are made in Europe. Same thickness as the original pans. Fits your pan exactly. The inside edge starts at the center tunnel, including the bolt pattern area under the rocker. It is necessary to drill out the holes around the rockers but there is a dimple marked to drill from. Get half off shipping in the Continental U.S. when you order a set of pan halves. Overseas shipping still full price.

181 FPHL (LEFT) $295.00
181 FPHR (RIGHT) $295.00
181 FPHS (BOTH SIDES) $460.00

Long Rear Floor Pan Quarters

The regular quarters above, when installed properly, will leave a small gap between the front and back quarters. These extra-long rear quarters will close that gap. You can't get these anywhere else!

181 PR-RL (REAR LEFT) $95.00
181 PR-RR (REAR RIGHT) $95.00

Floor Pan Quarters

We offer steel quarter pan replacements to fix your rusted or damaged panels. They are intended to be used when only a quarter is necessary. If you need a full half, don't use these - buy the pan halves and save a lot of labor. Each quarter is stamped to give your floor an original appearance after they are welded correctly. Install with a wire feed welder for best results. Note: Old or new seat tracks must be welded on to new floor pans when adding them.

181 PRF (FRONT; LEFT OR RIGHT) $80.00
181 PRR (REAR; LEFT OR RIGHT) $80.00

Running Boards

Here is a product that was sold as a factory option and will improve the look of your car. Strong sheet aluminum construction, .090 thickness, ***14 pounds lighter than the original steel frames***. These boards are powder coated matte black and covered with original style black PVC matting. Makes getting in and out of your "181" much easier when used as a step and also works like a long mud flap while driving with the doors off. Includes installation instructions and necessary hardware.

181 821 000006 (SET) $360.00

Redesigned Tube Bumpers

Back by popular demand, we redesigned our front and rear tube bumpers. now they will work with many other of our accessories, like the bumper over riders, the front deflector plate, the rear hitch.

181TBF (FRONT) $240.00
181TBR (REAR) $260.00

Nerf Bar

We've had many requests for our off-road look tube bumpers and nerf bars. So we have redesigned the look of our older models from the past and now offer them again. We think our nerf bar will be a huge success. Powder coated black with hardware and instructions included. Ask about availability.

181 NBPC (POWDERCOAT SET L&R) $220.00

Deflector Plate

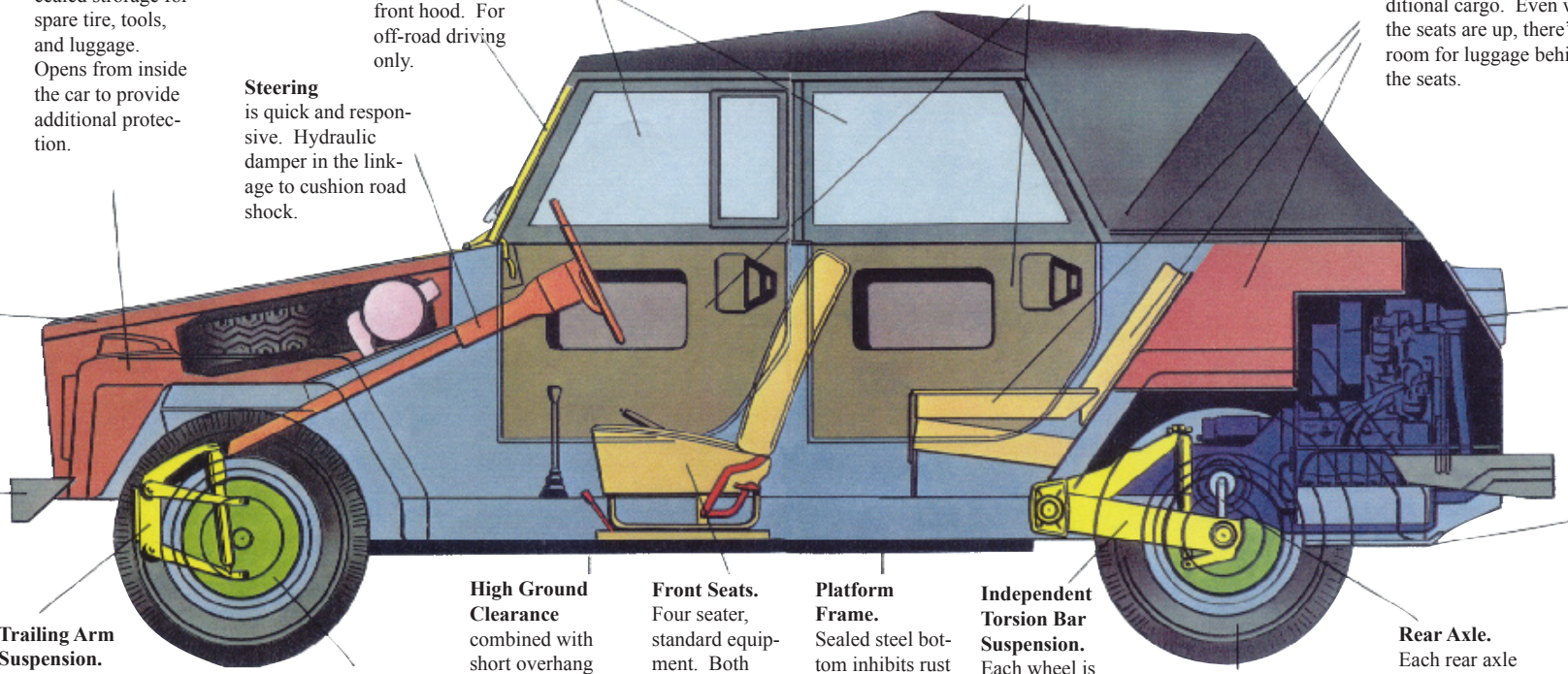
Goes between the front of your frame and your front bumper, partially protects your undercarriage. Especially important for off-roading.

This works with our new front tube bumpers

181 DP $128.00

The See-Through Thing.

A lot of the features that make the Thing so versatile are out of sight. So here's a See-Through Thing, to bring them into focus. Take a good look. You don't have to be an engineer to see that what we put into the Thing will take you anywhere. Of course, we had to make the Thing capable. After all, it's got quite a reputation to live up to — Volkswagen's.



Semi-Gloss Paint Finish. Provides distinctive appearance. Scuffs and scratches are less visible.

Front Luggage Compartment. Provides concealed strorage for spare tire, tools, and luggage. Opens from inside the car to provide additional protection.

Windshield. When the top is open, the windshield can be folded forward and rested in retaining clips located on the front hood. For off-road driving only.

Detachable Windows. Heavy duty clear plastic side windows with vent flaps can be installed or removed easily.

Removable Doors. For off-road driving only. Just release retaining spring and lift doors up and off hinges. Storage compartment in door panels.

Back Seat Rear Compartment & Loading Area Back seats fold down individually. Backed with steel to form a steel deck for additional cargo. Even when the seats are up, there's still room for luggage behind the seats.

Steering is quick and responsive. Hydraulic damper in the linkage to cushion road shock.

Sloping Hood. Designed so that you can see more of what's ahead. A must when traveling the dunes and hills.

Front & Rear Bumpers. Rugged, heavy-duty bumpers with tow-eyes. Stands the abuse of off-road driving.

Rear Engine. Located over drive wheels for extra traction. Air-cooled so there's no radiator, hoses, water pump or antifreeze to provide or maintain.

Skid Plates Specially designed to protect protruding engine parts. Very important when operating in off-road conditions.

Trailing Arm Suspension. Springing by rugged torsion bars. Torsion bars enclosed in a tubular casing to protect against off-road obstacles. Stabilizer bar maximizes road holding

Dual Hydraulic Braking System. Large diameter brake drums for good stopping action. Separate circuits for front and rear with brake warning light.

High Ground Clearance combined with short overhang front and rear makes the Thing the ideal car for rough terrain and bad roads. (With its smooth platform-type chassis, the control cables, rods and brakelines are well protected.

Front Seats. Four seater, standard equipment. Both front seats can be adjusted fore and aft and backrest tilt can be adjusted.

Platform Frame. Sealed steel bottom inhibits rust and corrosion by keeping water and dampness out. Also protects vital parts of the car from damage.

Independent Torsion Bar Suspension. Each wheel is suspended by trailing and diagonal arms, and its own torsion bar and individual telescopic shock absorber to smooth the bumps. Provides a controlled ride on rough terrain.

14" Radial Ply Tires A high quality tire suitable for all-around use. Particularly good for off-road traction and for mud and snow.

Rear Axle. Each rear axle shaft incorporates two couplings allowing each wheel to maintain individual contact with the road. This provides good traction even under adverse conditions.

Body Panels. Reinforced heavy-gauge steel for rough treatment from off-road driving.